brought him to England, and his cleverness and knowledge of French recommended him to Dundas, who probably is ignorant of that language.

The women here in the morning all wear dark-purple or gray stockings with orange clocks; large coloured shawls over their shoulders, wigs and loose caps, with immense flapping wings to them — such figures ! You would be amused to see them tripping along the dirty streets, pulling their petticoats round them, and showing their legs up to the knees. The men all look like cut-throats, with their long hair falling over their faces, their coloured neck-handkerchiefs, strange-cut coats, pantaloons, immense sticks, and fierce cocked hats.

I supped last night with Madame de Maulde, in company with the Commander de Dolomiere, who has adhered to the new order of things*

November ytfh, 1796.

I have received letters from Sir S. Smith through the minister of marine.

I begin to find myself assailed by very suspi-

cious persons offering their services to the British Government, but am on my guard.